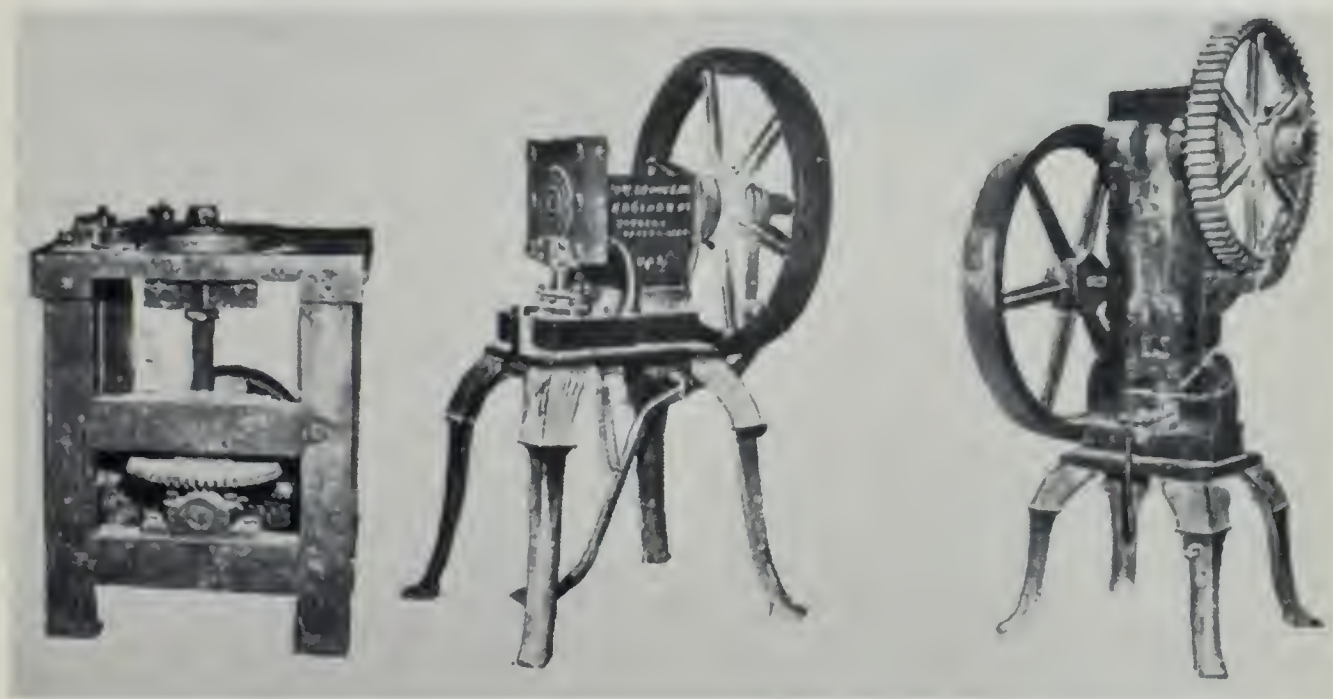




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The President's Page

Charles G. Colver, CSNA LM 6-1

While we are on the subject of C.S.N.A. medallions, I'd venture to say we now have the longest series of similar issues in the country. And, I am happy to report that the series has "caught on" not only with members but with the collecting public as a body. Orders now come in from all over for each new piece we issue. Complete sets are very difficult to acquire and a matched set of silver is almost non-existent. A long waiting list exists for the scarce pieces of early silver issues. Even some of the bronze earlier pieces are tough.

One of those things that "just couldn't happen", did, a major fire at the Cathedral Hill (Jack Tar) Hotel where we were scheduled to hold our spring convention. Hotel officials say they will not re-open until summer, so there was much concern where we might go in May. Our northern officers got right busy with the problem and with the help of the hotel people we were able to re-locate to the new Meridien Hotel on Third Street in downtown San Francisco. (Probably a better location than the old.) Even though it will be held in strange surroundings, Mike Stanley and committee promise us a great convention, so plan now to attend, May 4-6.

Member Harvey Rose has come up with another good idea. He has developed a custom made album to house all those C.S.N.A. convention medallions. (There are now 38 different issues.) Once the medals are in the albums, members will have a lovely item to show off.

To me, it has always been a problem just what to do with these medals. I had them stuck away here and there and even had difficulty locating them all to place in my new Rose album. I decided to put all silver in one book and the others in a separate one. Those silver pieces really look terrific in that album, I'm proud to show them. Most issues were originally housed in a special printed 2x2 envelope showing place of issue and convention number as well as host club. I feel these envelopes are an important part of the collection too, so these were inserted in plastic pages that fit in the binder behind the medals. It makes a neat package. If interested for your own collection, contact Harvey or C.T. Rodgers for information.

We have a beautiful series of medals and with the new albums available I expect to see an increase in collector interest. C.T. Rodgers is working on a booklet listing all known data on the C.S.N.A. medal series. He expects to list each different piece, metals used, number struck, description of design, designer and any other available bits of information. Here again this listing should create more collector interest. We thank you Harvey and C.T.!

Any thoughts we had of issuing a special olympic medallion were dashed when I received a copy of the rules for such from the Olympic Committee. They are protected from any non-official use of any recognized olympic theme or design. A statute passed back in 1946 makes it illegal to use any device such as the five rings, torch, even the word olympic or olympiad. Even though it would have been a wonderful opportunity to recognize our local games in medallic form, we have decided to pass up the event and not take chances on violating a rather strict law of the land.

GOLD WINNER

During the Fall 1983 convention at the Sheraton-Anaheim Hotel, a \$5.00 U.S. Gold piece was given away to a lucky individual. The winner was Ruth Bolinc of Norwalk, CA. We thank President Charles Colver who donated the coin, the congratulate Ruth on her good fortune.



Editorially

CSNA LM 26-2

What a shock! Less than five months to convention time and the hotel burns! What to do!

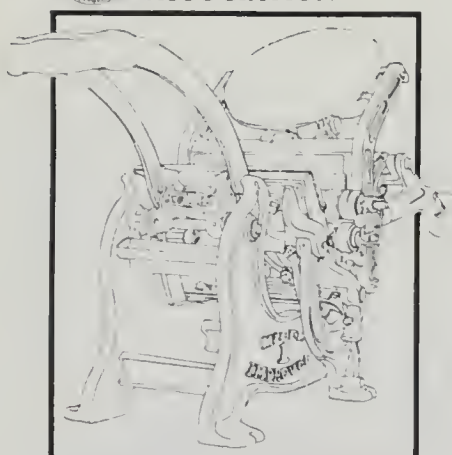
A great deal of planning goes into a convention and when disaster strikes, the resulting dilemma is staggering.

Cooperation between the Cathedral Hill and the San Francisco Convention/Visitors Center resulted in our finding a location where our previously publicized dates were still available. Our thanks go to Hotel Liaison, John Sears; General Chairman, Mike Stanley; and Deputy Chairmen, O.L. Wallis and Ed Fulwider. Their concerted efforts and dedication to CSNA to produce a good show for the membership is greatly appreciated.

NOTICE TO ALL CSNA SILVER MEDAL SUBSCRIBERS! I am General Chairman of the 75th Convention and our theme is the *Diamond Jubilee of the Lincoln Cent*. We are thinking of having a diamond placed in the silver medal if the subscribers would like it. Please read more details elsewhere in this issue. I would ask that each subscriber reply whether they want it or not, so we may keep a count and get them done in time.



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From Gold Dust To Coins . . . Heritage of the Denver Mint

By Barbara A. Hyde CSNA 1543

In 1857 an Indian by the name of Fall Leaf found a few gold nuggets while in Colorado serving as a guide for Colonel Sumner's expedition against the Cheyenne Indians. Returning east, he showed the nuggets in Lawrence, Kansas and thus planted the seeds of gold fever. From Lawrence a company of about fifty, including two women, journeyed to the Pikes Peak region in the spring of 1858, but finding no gold, the party divided, with the women and several men heading south into New Mexico and the remainder moving north to investigate rumors of finds on Little Dry Creek.

Among the earliest prospectors was a group headed by William Russell from Georgia, fresh from an earlier gold discovery around Auraria near Dahlonega. In fact, as with many of these early parties, names of leaders were frequently used to identify settlements and areas. Thus Russell Gulch near Central City, Colorado, one of the rich gold veins, was named after William Russell, the Georgia miner who ventured west to seek more veins of gold.

Thus the United States found itself in the middle of another rollicking gold rush. Thousands of miners, merchants and gamblers swarmed in upon the gaping Indians and early settlers. Covered wagons, bearing the slogan, "Pikes Peak or Bust," headed towards the now famous 14,000 foot peak region in the western Kansas Territory soon to become the Colorado Territory.

Life was rough and the stakes were high. Most of the adventurers had come to the Colorado Territory in a near state of poverty. Trade was carried on by barter, until some of the precious metals were picked out of the mountains. Gold dust became the medium of exchange, with a pinch of dust worth 25 cents. Small denomination coin needs were settled with the use of the thumb and forefinger . . . a pinch of gold dust equalled 25 cents. But the size of the man's fingers and the size of his conscience actually determined the cost of the sale. The system was not abused too often as mining justice was as rough as the Denver streets.

The gold from various veins varied in purity, ranging from \$12 to \$16 an ounce. Also, these early settlers were not above lacing their dust with a generous portion of brass filings or similar contaminates. They even manufactured their own nuggets, "retort nuggets," with cheap metals.

Soon the merchants who received gold dust in payment for goods became gold brokers. They bought gold dust and paid for it with United States currency or drafts on eastern banks. The rumblings of the Civil War, however, made paper money of dubious worth. The preference was for money they could "sink their teeth into" and "hard money" became the popular medium of exchange.



Milton E. Clark



Austin M. Clark



Emanuel H. Gruber

In order to get this hard money, the gold had to be shipped to the East, made into coins, and returned to Colorado. The freight rate each way was 5% of the gold's value. This made stage coach lines, and the highwayman, richer; and the Colorado lovers of hard money, poorer. Shipping the gold to Leavenworth, Kansas was a minimum journey of 19 to 22 days and the expense of unsupervised refining was an unwelcome one. The only means of transportation was via stagecoach and transshipment to the Philadelphia Mint further deteriorated the gold dust profits. One shipment showed a 10% loss of gold in its journey from western ore to eastern coinage. The situation had a foreseeable solution.

Quantities of this gold flowed through a new Leavenworth, Kansas banking house owned by the brothers Austin M. and Milton E. Clark and Emanuel H. Gruber. These entrepreneurs sensed a sharp demand for hard money in Colorado. They reasoned that the establishment of a mint within sight of the gold mines would prove attractive and popular for the people. By charging 5% for coining gold into dollars, they could make a nice profit and still give the Coloradans "cheaper" money. Thus the idea was born for one of pioneer Colorado's most famous institutions, Clark, Gruber & Company, now the United States Mint of Denver.

In the winter of 1859-60 Milton Clark went to Boston to buy the necessary dies and machinery for minting. There were no laws prohibiting the private coining of money in those early years. The other two partners journeyed to Denver City, purchasing a suitable lot and commenced construction of a building for their new venture. The locale of Clark, Gruber & Co. was secured and numismatic history had taken another giant step.

During the week of July 20, 1860 the banking house of Clark, Gruber & Co. was completed and ready to mint its first coins. A report in the Rocky Mountain News gives a vivid picture of the first striking. "In compliance with which invitation we forthwith repaired to the elegant banking house of the above firm, and were admitted to their coining room in the basement, where we found preparations almost complete for the issue of Pike's Peak coin. A hundred 'blanks' had been prepared, weight and fineness tested and last manipulation gone through with, prior to their passage through the stamping press. The little engine that drives the machinery was fired up, belts adjusted, and between three and four o'clock the machinery was put in motion, and 'mint drops,' of the value of \$10 each, began dropping into a tin pail with a most musical 'clink.' About a thousand dollars were turned out, at the rate of 15 or so coins a minute, which was deemed satisfactory for the first experiment. The coins . . . of which none but \$10 pieces are yet coined . . . are seventeen grains heavier than the United States coin of the same denomination. The coin has a little of the roughness peculiar to newness but it is upon the whole very creditable in appearance, and a vast improvement over 'dust' as a circulating medium. Any amount of the 'wheels' can now be had at Clark Gruber & Co's counter."

The coins were named "mint drops", a favorite candy of the region, and also a play on words that was tasty to the gold-coin-conscious miners. On the face of the "mint drops" was a representation of Pikes Peak, its base surrounded by a forest of timber and "Pikes Peak Gold" encircling the summit. The reverse featured an American Eagle, with the name of the firm, "Clark, Gruber & Co., 1860" around the perimeter. By October 1860, the gold coins issued by Clark, Gruber & Company had become the principal money of the territory. They had coined about \$120,000 with their steam-driven machinery operating day and night.

Native gold in the territory was always found alloyed with silver. This accounted for the coins being heavier than those issued by the United States Government. However, these coins were so soft that they abraded rather quickly, thus more alloy was used the following year, but they maintained their standard of one percent more gold than contained in the United States \$10 piece, or Eagle.



The Clark Gruber \$10 gold piece of 1860.

During the week ending August 28, the company melted ore and minted about \$18,000 in \$10, \$5 and \$2.50 pieces. As specimens of coinage these pieces were said to have been far superior to any of the private "mint drops" issued in San Francisco, and nearly as perfect as the regular U.S. mint issues. Their total coinage for three years of operation was \$594,305.00.

Clark, Gruber and Co. showed excellent judgment in establishing a branch of their banking business in Denver, as the little prairie settlement developed with unprecedented rapidity. Buildings went up in all directions that astonished even the oldest pioneers. In early July of 1860, more than 100 stores and dwellings were commenced and by July 25, many of them occupied. The Clark, Gruber and Co. building was a two-story brick with 25-foot frontage by 40-foot depth, and a basement opening out on level ground at the back-end of the building. Coining, of course, was performed in the basement, banking was conducted on the main floor, and the upstairs contained apartments. During the hot August days, Clark, Gruber & Co. bank was a favorite retreat, said to be "as cool as an ice chest."

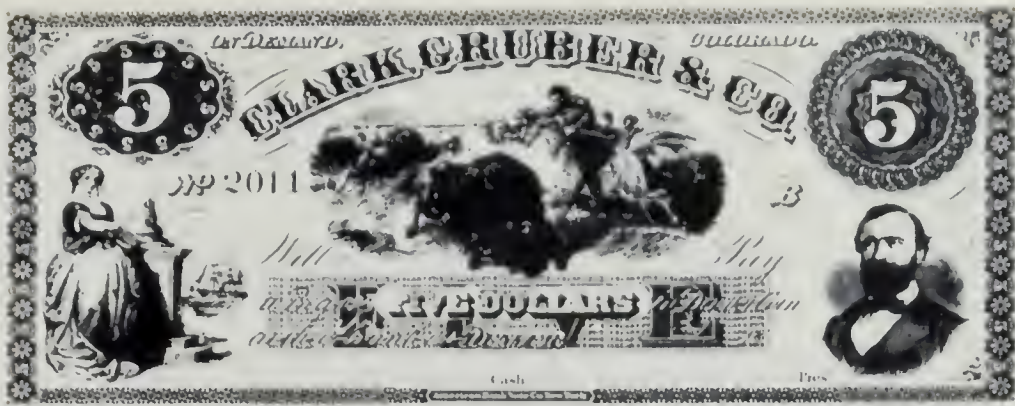


The first gold pieces issued by Clark, Gruber and Co. in 1860 were minted in denominations of \$2½, \$5, \$10 and \$20.

Coining slacked off in 1862 as conditions changed and the government greenbacks did not fluctuate as they did in the first years of the war. Instead of putting the dust into coins that year, Clark, Gruber & Co. molded it into small bars, which were stamped with the firm stamp, the value in ounces and its cash value. These ingots were accepted all over the world at their stamped value, some of them finding their way to Europe and even Australia.

In addition to gold pieces they issued greenbacks for the convenience of the miners, who did not wish to be weighed down with gold coin. These bills were always redeemed at their face value and did not fluctuate as the government greenbacks did. These were in reality gold notes, having the same value as the yellow metal itself.

In contrast with today's modern, extremely accurate coin manufacturing plant, known as the Denver Mint, it is interesting to look back and see how the old Clark, Gruber & Co. did their coining. Here is an excerpt from an 1860 issue of the Colorado Republican and Rocky Mountain Herald: "We yesterday stepped into the fine banking house of Messrs. Clark, Gruber and Co. and by instigation of the gentlemanly proprietors, took a look at the machinery and fixtures for minting. The gold is first refined by chemicals, then put into a crucible, melted and run into bars. Then it is run through a rolling machine, which reduced it to the proper thickness, it is then taken to the punching machine, where it is cut into proper size: a man then takes it and reduces it to the proper weight when it is taken to the die and stamped, then the edges are milled, which is the finishing strike."



Colorado's first governor, William Gilpin, appeared on the lower right of the \$5 note issued by the company. The notes were exchangeable for gold and were preferred to U.S. currency during the Civil War.

In 1861, the year of Colorado's first territorial administration, the Colorado law makers decided that there ought to be a branch United States Mint established there. Congress enacted the desired bill in April, 1862. New York opposed the idea as they wanted a mint in conjunction with their assay office. Philadelphia supported the Colorado idea as they did not wish another mint close to them. Clark, Gruber & Co. actively helped in the campaign for a United States mint in Colorado. United States paper money was beginning to become more stable after the original shock of the Civil War, and they thought they could make more money by banking in Denver and their Central City branch.

The Secretary of the Treasury recommended that the existing coinage laws be so amended as to prohibit private coinage in the United States; that a branch mint be established in Denver; and that authority be given for the purchase of Clark, Gruber & Co. with all its equipment. On November 15, 1862 a formal offer was made by the Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase to the firm to purchase their mint with all machinery for \$25,000.

In April of 1863, Uncle Sam bought the machinery and mint building of Clark, Gruber & Co. It was the purpose of the acts of April 1862 and March 1863 to make the Denver establishment one for coinage, but Congress later changed its mind and provided otherwise. Although the Clark, Gruber & Co. Building was remodeled, the government did not immediately continue coinage in Denver. The facility remained little more than an assay office until February 1906, when the present United States Mint Building in Denver was completed and put in operation. And thus began the history of Denver's United States Mint, which today produces a large percentage of our coins.

Downtown Denver is the location of the mint and its storehouse of gold. It is also the approximate location of where a gold strike was once made. Time has gone full circle. Gold has come out of the earth to be reburied in vaults. The private mint has been replaced by one that has official sanction.

Production has increased tremendously from the 167,371,035 coins minted in 1906. Now, it has over 60 presses operating. The average day's run produces between 15 and 20 million coins. Several of the presses are equipped to stamp four coins, each stroke (approximately 600 coins a minute) compared to the 15 or so a minute struck on the first day of operations at Clark, Gruber & Co.

But the little mint of Clark, Gruber & Co. was a tremendous help to the people of the new area during the early boom days. It guaranteed its customers full value of the results of their labors; it afforded them facilities for exchange with distant places at nominal expense; and through all its dealings, honesty and integrity ruled every transaction. It's doubtful that a finer business record has ever been conducted than that established by the old banking and minting firm of Clark, Gruber & Co. Though it remained in the banking business about a year after the sale of the mint to the government, the parent firm remained at Leavenworth, Kansas and the Denver branch became the First National Bank of Denver.

The firm's old minting machinery remained stored in the basement of the old mint building until 1898. Under direction of the United States Treasurer, Lyman Gage, several old pieces were delivered to the State Historical Society of Colorado and are now in the Society's collection.

When Horace Greeley came West in the early '60's he visited the Clark, Gruber & Co. and seeing the gold ingots lying on the counter sent the following message to his paper in New York: "Colorado is essentially a gold state. In the banking establishment of Clark, Gruber & Co. I saw immense quantities of gold bars on their counters. Come West!" What sage advice for many a miner in those early territorial days.

Through the Numismatic Glass



Bryan Burke
Staff Writer

TWO FEATURES THIS QUARTER . . . ONE GOOD AND ONE BAD

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Admission of an act of stupidity and request for a correction.

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Additional information about the old, old mint in San Francisco.

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At 11:55 p.m. the night before the deadline for *Calcoin News* found a tired, sleepy writer proofreading his contribution to volume 38, number 1 of the award winning publication. This author, for some unknown reason, crossed out the "James" of James Marshall and filled in "John". That dull-witted person was me. The mistake was made but it is hoped that an apology will be accepted and that the readers will turn to page 8 and correct the error by changing John to James.

We call James Marshall "the" discoverer of gold in California because his accidental find was made at a time when adventurous Americans and men from other lands were willing to make the hazardous trip to the diggings. Finding the nuggets a few years earlier would not have started a movement because men were not yet ready to try their luck. It was known that there was gold in the California area long before 1848. Sir Francis Drake's crew found nuggets in the inland streams while taking breaks from careening their ships in 1578. Other sea captains and explorers recorded finding the precious metal in great quantities. One Los Angeles man, Francisco Lopez, was shipping gold out of California in 1841 and 1842 from workings north of his home. Between 1842 and 1848, from \$6,000 to \$8,000 in gold was delivered each year to the mint in Philadelphia from California.

The discovery by JAMES Marshall on January 24, 1848, at the sawmill which he had constructed for John Sutter, had a coincidence connected to it which no dramatist would dare use in a work of fiction. Jane Wimmer, the cook for the construction crew, was from Georgia, one of the few gold producing areas of the United States, and was therefore familiar with gold in the natural state. She took the pieces Marshall had picked out of the trail-race and threw them into a caldron where she was preparing soft soap. In the morning when the solution was drained off the nuggets glistened at the bottom, proving that they were gold. Why was this knowledgeable woman at this remote location at this exact time? We may not know, but we do know that she changed history.

To help readers, and the writer, remember that it was James and not John Marshall, here is a rare card signed by the discoverer of gold. James gave these autographed cards to friends, admirers, waitresses, bartenders, and the curious. Note that Marshall claimed the discovery five days before the date recorded for this event.



OLD SUTTER MILL

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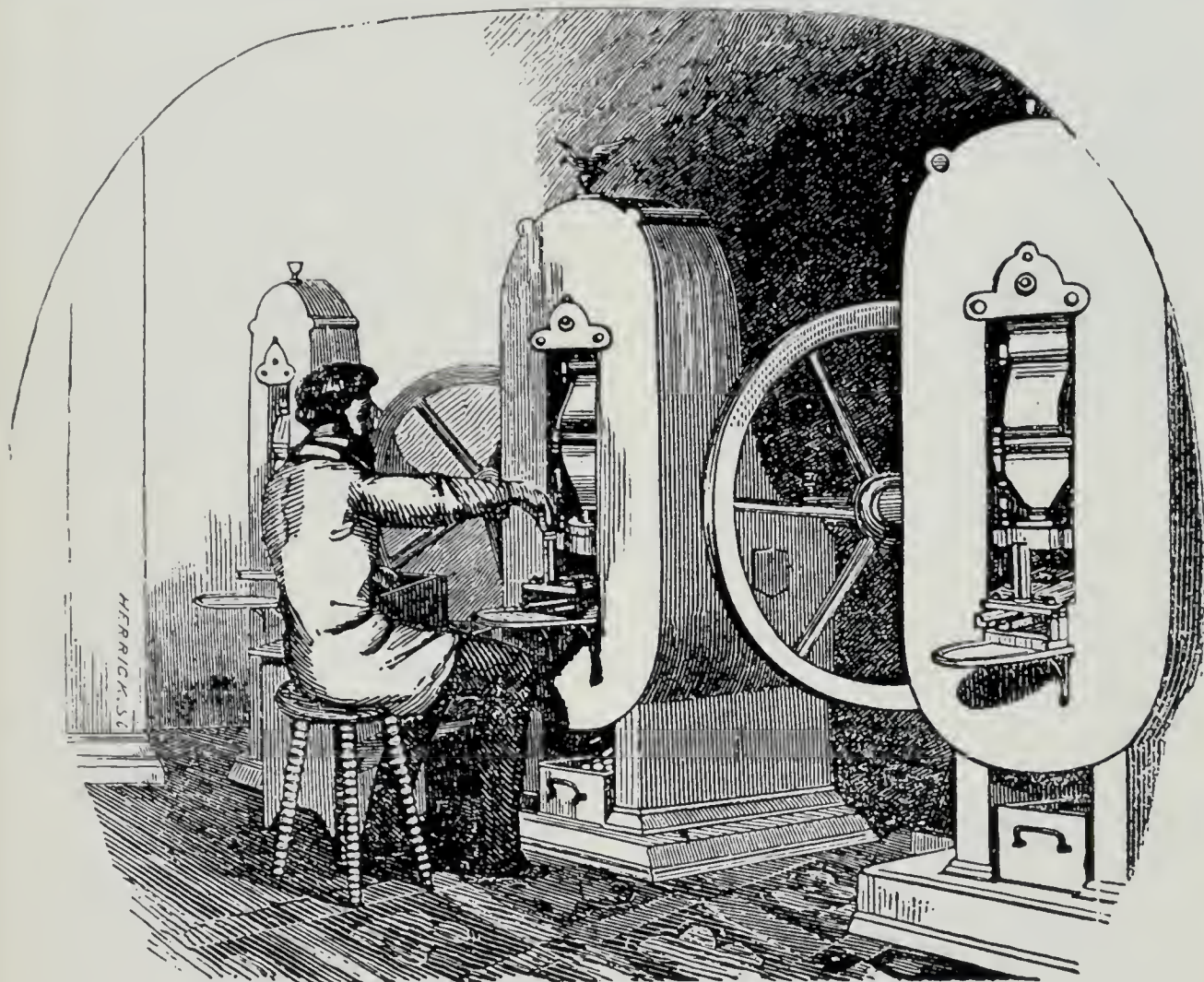
James W. Marshall

THE DISCOVERER OF GOLD IN CALIFORNIA

January 19th, 1848

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Reader Henry Clifford contributed this portion of a California letter sheet so that collectors could have a glimpse inside the first San Francisco mint. This letter sheet, from his nationally known collection, was originally published by Hutchings and Rosenfield. It was probably sold between 1854 and 1856 but none are dated. The presses shown in the print may well have been the ones John Little Moffatt imported from the east to strike his private gold coins. There is general agreement that when the federal government purchased the property for the mint that the price included the machinery belonging to the Perry, Curtis, and Ward Company. This group had bought Moffatt's company. Our thanks to Henry for sharing this view with the readers.

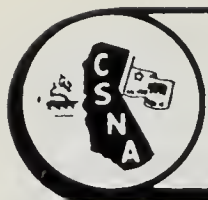


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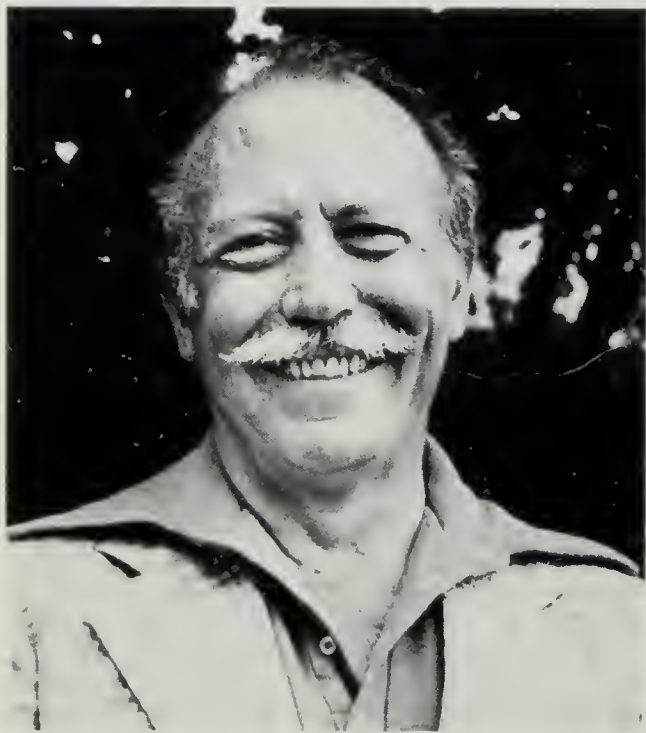


MERRY CHRISTMAS MEDALLION

The holiday greeting shown here is from Harold Don Allen, Nova Scotia Teachers College, Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada. Mr. Allen is active in the Canadian Numismatic Association, and also has an ANA assignment in the field of education. He carries CSNA Life Membership #25-1 and is donating this personalized item to the token collection of CSNA. Thank you.



Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics



CSNA #4150

Dr. Paul D. Holtzman

Dr. Paul D. Holtzman's interest in numismatics did not begin when he was a boy. He now recalls with regrets that he squandered all the gold coins he won in sack races at his uncle's company picnics while he was in elementary school in Detroit.

Later, he claims that earning his way through college was too taxing to provide for even a modest coin collection — even if he had known enough to be interested in numismatics.

Even his constant visual contact with the San Francisco Assay Office, located across from San Francisco State College, failed to inspire him numismatically.

While on a brief visit to Mexico City in 1951, he was attracted by the beauty of a 1947 Cuauhtémoc 5 peso piece which he purchased for 8 pesos as the initial coin in a collection that began years later. Interestingly enough, an intensive observer to these negotiations was Steve Markoff, an 11 year old youngster who was traveling with the Holtzmans. (Steve Markoff later began business as A-Mark and recently wrote a \$7.5 million check for the Redfield collection of silver dollars.)

However, it wasn't until 1961 that Paul unintentionally became "hooked" on coin collecting. It happened, again in Mexico City. While on a family vacation, the Holtzman Family had a problem determining what to do with Paul's Father who was not at all interested in the museums and other cultural attractions. Ingrid, Paul's wife, suggested: "Why don't we get him interested in Mexican coins?" While the elder Holtzman soundly rejected the whole idea, Paul got "hooked" as he looked over the trays and trays of silver coins in the National Pawn Shop.

During the years that followed, Paul's interest, knowledge and enthusiasm expanded beyond coins and medals of Mexico and Oaxaca. They broadened into realms of coins and medals of the United States, Hawaii, Ecuador and Sweden.

In the spheres of topical collecting, he specializes in coins that portray birds and those that depict "nonverbal communication". The latter relates to what he terms "disembodied hands". He comments that "Messages that hands-on-coins convey to those who examine these pieces are definite and fascinating." Ingrid, too, has a collection — a romantic one of marriage commemoratives.

In the 1970's, he joined the Centre Coin Club of Pennsylvania. During his membership in this club, he served two terms as president. During this period, he began to display numismatic exhibits.

Some 66 years ago, Paul was born in Los Angeles. At an early age, he moved to Detroit and later returned to Los Angeles to attend Fairfax High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Louisiana State University in 1941 with majors in speech communication, sociology and psychology. During World War II, he performed Civilian Public Service with the U.S. Forest Service and the Army Air Force.

Returning to college, he eventually completed his Doctor of Philosophy degree in clinical speech in 1950 at the University of Southern California. While finishing up his graduate studies, he also held a faculty position at San Francisco State College.

In 1951, he married the college's Placement Director, Ingrid Pearson, and they moved to New York City. Here he was on the

faculty of Queens College for seven years and she made a career of needling City Hall for the prestigious Citizens Union of the City of New York. While in New York City, their son, Doug, was born; he is now a librarian for the City of Anaheim.

A move, only slightly westward, in 1957 took Paul to State College, Pennsylvania where he held various positions at Penn State University including Professor of Speech Communication and Director of English Programs for foreign students. While at Penn State, he authored several books on speech and communications and served as a visiting professor at a number of other universities. Ingrid eventually became President of the City Council and a consultant with the U.S. State Department.

In 1980, the Holtzmans saw retirement as the opportunity to return to San Francisco. After reading a notice about San Francisco Coin Club's 20th Anniversary, he became interested in the club and joined it several months before he moved.

This expression of interest so greatly impressed the club officers and members that he was immediately "put to work". After serving a term as Governor and one as secretary, he was elected to become club president for 1984. In the San Francisco Bay Area, he frequently presents numismatic talks at coin clubs and enters exhibits in numerous numismatic events.

In addition, Paul belongs to CSNA, Northern California Numismatic Association, American Numismatic Association, American Numismatic Society and the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. Recently, he was elected to serve as a PCNS Governor.

As President of the San Francisco Coin Club, as Friday Luncheon Speaker, and as the Master of Ceremonies at the Convention's Award Banquet, Paul is looking forward to greeting all of you to the 74th Semi-Annual Convention of the California State Numismatic Association.

— O.L. Wallis, CSNA #2422

TRACING AN ILLUSTRIOUS PEDIGREE

By Dwight N. Manley, CSNA 4463

Being an avid numismatist, I find it truly exhilarating to own a piece of numismatic nostalgia. So it was with great pleasure to me when I acquired one of the most nostalgic, history filled coins available in numismatics today. I am speaking of the marvelous 1794-Head of 1793 large cent that was previously owned by Frossard, Garrett, Morley, and Adams! It is with even greater pleasure that I convey the interesting pedigree to you, and a few facts about this numismatic masterpiece.

This illustrious pedigree begins in 1879 with Edouard Frossard. Ed. Frossard was a famous numismatist of the 19th century. He was responsible for scores of fine auctions, and for piecing together many great collections. It is not known where he first acquired the 1794 cent, but it can be safely assumed that he got it in a numismatic trade of some sort, and not through general circulation. Frossard first sheds light on this particular 1794 cent in 1879 when he listed it, along with a photographic plate of it, in his pictorial monograph on 1794 cents. The first coin pictured, a Maris-1, is the very coin being written about now. The coin remained in the collection of Ed. Frossard until 1884, when he auctioned off his collection. This sale had many interesting lots, but the most interesting had to be lot 901. This was comprised of Frossard's entire collection of

1794 cents, of virtually every variety then known. After intense bidding, there remained one man with his hand still in the air. This man was T. Harrison Garrett. Garrett was owner of the B&O Railroad, and was known for his fine tastes. Garrett was also known as one of the foremost numismatists of the 1800's, and being a wealthy man, he was able to acquire many rare pieces to add to his extensive collection. So it can be understood why he would pay \$420.00, a very lofty sum at the time, for a collection of a mere 51 cents that were only 90 years old.

When T. Harrison Garrett bought coins, he never sold except for upgrading purposes. This is why this beautiful collection of 51 large cents remained intact for nearly 100 years. Finally, after 95 years, Johns Hopkins University, heir to the collection of Mr. Garrett's coins, decided to auction off the vast collection. Great anticipation surrounded the sale, as many "rarest of the rare" coins would be sold. Copper collectors were especially eager to get some of the copper rarities. Then, after 1½ hours of sale number 1, lot 56 came up to the auction block. Tom Morley had been waiting for it all week. After intense bidding, Mr. Morley got his prize — A 1794-Head of 1793 large cent of the Sheldon-20 variety. Underbidder John

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NEW HOTEL MERIDIEN OPENS ITS HEART TO CSNA



The show will go on!

As previously announced, the California State Numismatic Association's 74th Semi-Annual Convention and Coin Show will be staged on May 4-6 in San Francisco. However, it will be held at the new Hotel Meridien, 50 Third Street, between Market and Mission Streets, rather than at the Cathedral Hill Hotel (formerly named "Jack Tar Hotel"). Reconstruction of the Cathedral Hill, following its recent fire, will not be completed prior to our scheduled convention dates.

Officials at the Cathedral Hill Hotel and the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau, working in close cooperation with John Sears, hotel liaison chairman, made arrangements for CSNA to hold its convention at this alternate site on our announced dates.

"We are fortunate to have been able to make satisfactory arrangements at the Hotel Meridien upon such short lead time," reports General Chairman Mike Stanley. "CSNA will pay the same rental rates for the convention facilities and hotel guest room rates will be the same as we would have been charged at the Cathedral Hill Hotel," he added.

The new Hotel Meridien is a 36-story structure with 700 luxurious rooms and suites and has ample facilities to handle our convention. Opened last October 3, the hotel was built at a cost of \$70 million and is operated by an affiliate of Air France. It is

the first luxury, high-rise hotel to be constructed in San Francisco City Center in more than a decade.

Ideally located, the Convention site is situated near the Old Mint of San Francisco, the new Moscone Center, Union Square, Financial District and many stores and shops. Convenient forms of transportation are available nearby. Valet parking is available in the hotel and ample parking facilities are located adjacent to it.

Convention Chairman Mike Stanley, assisted by his chairmen and members of the host club — the San Francisco Coin Club — have lined-up a fun-filled, multi-event program for the convention that will open at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 4 and close at 4 p.m., Sunday, May 6.

Seventy-one dealers have been signed up by Bourse Coordinator William O. Wisslead and Elizabeth Wisslead. Dealers will occupy space in the entire Cabernet Ballroom. Local bourse arrangements will be handled by Don T. Thrall and Larry Reppeteau.

In the Colombard Room will be displayed an array of numismatic exhibits in 8 adult and one junior categories. Brian Kestner is supervising exhibit plans; he is being assisted by Fred Lutjens. In addition to the Best of Show Award, the following special prizes will be awarded: Redwood Plaque (for Best wooden money exhibit); Best Exonumia Award (for best display of exonumia); and Convention Theme Award (for best exhibit in any category that relates to convention theme — "Eagles in Numismatics"). Ruth Phillips has been appointed to serve as the Chief Judge.



"Eagles in Numismatics" is the theme for the convention. An eagle design has been incorporated in the official convention logo and on the official silver and bronze convention medals. This motif will be used extensively throughout convention activities.

The Friday Luncheon in the Sauternes Room (on the third floor) will be the first event of the convention. It will feature Dr. Paul D. Holtzman who will present his fascinating talk "Eagles and Others of the Species *Avis numismaticus*". Luncheon hostess is Rose Huntington.

Headlining the CSNA Educational Forum on Friday evening in the Vignoles Room will be two illustrated talks. Michael S. Turrini will discuss "Canadian Commemorative Dollars" on one, while Donald Schueler will speak on "Memorabilia of the Columbian Exposition of 1893" on the second. Turrini, an enthusiastic collector and student of Canadian coins, is active in many numismatic groups and is the editor of "Heads and Tales", the quarterly publication of the Northern California Numismatic Association. A specialist in Columbian Exposition numismatics, Schueler maintains one of the largest collections of items relating to this historic fair. The program will be moderated by Osmyn Stout.

Annual meeting of the Northern California Wooden Money Collectors will be held Saturday morning at 11:00. Latest "finds" in the field of wooden money will be discussed and active swapping is anticipated. Everyone who attends will receive some wooden pieces.

California Exonumist Society will conduct a brief business meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. The First CES Education Forum of 1984 will follow with a talk, "Lure and Lure of Love Tokens", by G.A. "Corky" Ayers. A. Lori Reppeteau will introduce the speaker.

A General CSNA Membership Meeting will be called by President Charles Colver at 2:15 p.m. Colver urges all members to attend and participate in this meeting.

The Junior Forum, a program of special interest to all junior numismatists, is slated for 3:00 p.m. Plans are being made to have attendance by Boy Scouts who are interested in the hobby and the BSA Coin Collecting Merit Badge. This is the first Junior Forum to be scheduled for the Spring Convention in recent years and all members are urged to encourage juniors to attend.

A Junior Bourse where only junior numismatists may purchase coins, medals and other numismatic items will be set up in the Lobby on Saturday afternoon.

The CSNA Awards Banquet on Saturday evening in the Sauternes Room will culminate the Convention Day's activities. Recognition of past CSNA presidents and special guests, presentation of exhibit trophies and

CSNA literary award medals and other special features will be incorporated in the evening's festivities. Dr. Paul D. Holtzman, president of the host club, San Francisco Coin Club, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. In charge of banquet decorations is Nancy Stanley, banquet hostess.

An exhibiting forum, conducted by Kay Edgerton Lenker, is slated for Sunday afternoon. It will provide an opportunity to learn more about how to prepare and display exhibits.

Others assisting Chairman Stanley include: O.L. Wallis, Deputy Chairman; Ed Fulwider, Assistant Chairman (Security); John Sears, Assistant Chairman (hotel liaison); William O. Wisslead and Elizabeth Wisslead, bourse coordination; Don T. Thrall and Larry Reppeteau, bourse arrangements; Brian Kestner and Fred Lutjens, exhibits; Ruth Phillips, chief judge; Dorothy Baber, Phil Iversen, Steve Huston, judges; Rose Huntington, luncheon hostesses; Osmyn Stout, CSNA Forum moderator; John and Mona Verzi and Ethel Lenhart, registration; Dr. Paul D. Holtzman, banquet MC; Nancy Stanley, banquet hostess; Dr. Walter and Marin Ostromecki, national promotion; Hans Hansson, local promotion; Nate Bromberg, junior forum and bourse; Ruth Phillips, photographer; Lorelie Fulwider, historian.

Another CSNA Spring Convention in San Francisco will come to a close at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon and CSNA-ers will await the 75th Convention in Anaheim in October.

COUNTERFEIT DETECTION

The American Numismatic Association has published a softbound reprint of all of the ANACS articles that appeared in "The Numismatist" from 1977 through 1982. The book is fully illustrated, with 160 pages on high grade paper and retails for \$7.50.

In its effort to suppress counterfeits and assist collectors, the ANA is making a special offering to clubs at a very advantageous discount price. In lots of one dozen only, the club price is \$54.00 per dozen (a 40% savings).

Send check payable to ANA for the total amount, indicate the mailing address, orders will be sent postage paid. Allow three weeks for delivery. Mail your order to the American Numismatic Association, 818 North Cascade, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

SPOTLIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB



With its sponsorship of the 74th Semi-Annual California State Numismatic Association Convention and Coin Show at Hotel Meridien, 50 Third Street, San Francisco, May 4-6, the San Francisco Coin Club will have hosted four CSNA conventions.

Recognizing a place for a multi-interest coin club in San Francisco, Roy Hill, Paul and Carol Snedaker, and John Sears sent out postal cards in 1960 inviting those interested to attend a meeting for the purpose of creating such an organization. In response, over 50 collectors met on October 21, 1960 to form the San Francisco Coin Club.

John Sears was elected as first president with Roy Hill as vice president and Paul Snedaker as treasurer. By the end of 1960, 62 individuals had signed up as Charter Members. Of this group, 12 are still active club members.

During the following two years, John Sears was reelected as president. In 1965, he received the title of President emeritus and member of the Board of Governors for life. Subsequently, he served another term as president in 1972.

Paul Snedaker followed as president in 1963, and from 1971 through 1983 he served as the club's treasurer. Recently, he was named "Governor Emeritus" and thus joins the Board with Carol Snedaker, Rose Huntington and Fred Lutjens upon whom this distinction had previously been bestowed.

Initially, the Club met at 380 — 18th Street. During subsequent moves, it gathered at the San Francisco Hall of Flowers, Forest

Lodge and Homestead Savings and Loan before becoming established at its present meeting location — Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval Street.

The San Francisco COIN FAIR was conducted by the Club on an annual basis, for 20 years, 1964 through 1983. Although no COIN FAIR is scheduled for 1984, club officials are making plans to hold its 21st COIN FAIR in San Francisco in 1985.

In 1968, the San Francisco Coin Club hosted the 42nd Semi-Annual Convention and Coin Show of the California State Numismatic Association, May 2-5. Later, in 1975, it sponsored the 56th Convention, April 25-27, and co-hosted the 66th Convention, May 2-4, 1980. On May 4-6, 1984, the club will host the 74th Convention in San Francisco with Mike Stanley as general chairman.

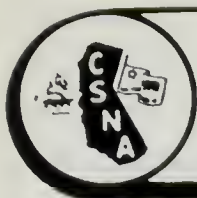
For several of the earlier years, postal cards communicated club information and meeting dates. These were followed since that time by a monthly club bulletin. In 1981, the newsletter was officially named "Two Cents Worth".

San Francisco Coin Club belongs to the American Numismatic Association (#C-40283) and CSNA (#1081) and is a Charter Member, C-5, of the Northern California Numismatic Association.

Club meetings are conducted at 8 p.m. on the Fourth Tuesday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval Street, San Francisco. Agenda for the meetings include: a speaker or program, membership and door-prize drawings, auction, mini-exhibits, dealers bourse and refreshments. Visitors are always welcomed. Annual dues are: \$5.00 for adults and \$1.50 for juniors. Club's mailing address is: 2107 Gill Drive, Concord, CA 94520.

Current club officers are: Dr. Paul Holtzman, president; Hans Hansson, vice-president; Mona Verzi, secretary; Mike Stanley, treasurer; John Verzi, Ed Fulwider and O.L. Wallis, Governors. Also, serving on the Board

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Invitation to Exhibit

You are invited to display a numismatic exhibit at the California State Numismatic Association's 74th Semi-Annual Convention, Hotel Meridien, 50-3rd St., San Francisco, Calif., May 4-6, 1984 under the following EXHIBIT RULES:

1. The exhibition of numismatic material, open to all collectors, will be **competitive** (subject to Rule #8) or non-competitive.
2. Requests for exhibit space must reach the Exhibit Chairman not later than one week before the opening day of the convention. Requests received after that date will be subject to availability of space. There is a limit of three (3) cases per exhibit, subject to revision after deadline date, as space available permits, and with the approval of the Exhibit Chairman. Cancellation of any exhibit should be made to the Exhibit Chairman in writing.
3. Exhibits may be installed after 6:00 P.M., Thursday; must be in place not later than 8:00 P.M., Friday; and may not be removed prior to 3:00 P.M., Sunday. (Permission to remove any exhibit before this time must be secured from the Exhibit Chairman in advance.) After an exhibit has been installed, no materials may be removed from it for sale or other disposition before the official removal time.
4. An exhibit identification card, furnished by CSNA, will be placed in the upper left corner of each display case. All competitive exhibits must be bona fide property of the exhibitor. No advertising or other commercialism, or the name of the exhibitor shall be allowed in any competitive exhibit.
5. Exhibit cases will be furnished by C.S.N.A. or the exhibitor may use his own. Exhibitors should indicate their needs when making application and give details of what they have for their use. Most C.S.N.A. cases are 20" x 20 1/4" inside clear exhibit space; some are 1 inch deep, others about 3 inches deep. Each C.S.N.A. case has a lock. Keys to the C.S.N.A. cases will be in the possession of the Exhibit Chairman but no case will be opened except in the presence of the exhibitor. You are encouraged to provide your own cases. All private cases must be adequately locked.
6. Adequate security will be in effect beginning at 6:00 P.M., Thursday through 5:00 P.M., Sunday. Exhibits installed prior to, or removed later than this period shall be at the exhibitor's risk. Due precautions will be exercised at all times during this period but no responsibility shall attach either the California State Numismatic Association or the host club, their officers, members and/or any committees for any loss or damage to exhibits.
7. Each competitive exhibit will be judged and based upon the judges' decision. C.S.N.A. will award suitable awards at the Awards Banquet on Saturday night. Only C.S.N.A. members are eligible to receive the Best In Show Award. An exhibitor may not receive more than one **Place Award** for exhibits in a single category. Minimum scores for winning exhibits are: first — 85 points; second — 75 points; third — 65 points (Average of all judges' scores).
8. Each exhibitor (except Juniors) who wish to enter an exhibit in competition are required to purchase a ticket to the Awards Banquet. One banquet ticket will be sold to each exhibitor at one-half the regular price. Exhibits of exhibitors who do not purchase a banquet ticket will be entered as non-competitive.
9. **Basis for Judging Exhibits.** Judges will use the following scoring system:
 - a. Numismatic Information (Title: 5 pts.; basic info. 15 pts.;
special info. 15 pts.) 35 pts.
 - b. Presentation (originality and creativity 10 pts.; attractiveness 10 pts.;
balance (as to non-numismatic items) 10 pts. 30 pts.
 - c. Completeness (insofar as title is concerned) 15 pts.
 - d. Condition (should be best that is reasonably available) 10 pts.
 - e. Rarity (judged by number of like pieces believed to exist) 10 pts.

Total maximum score 100 pts.



Exhibit Application

74th Semi-Annual Convention • May 4-6, 1984
Hotel Meridien, 50-3rd St., San Francisco

I wish to place an exhibit in the 74th Convention.

• TITLE of my exhibit: _____

• I classify my exhibit in Category: _____

• My exhibit will be: _____ Competitive
(subject to Rule No. 8)
_____ Non-competitive

• Please reserve _____ feet of exhibit space.

• I will furnish my own cases: Yes _____ No _____

• Please reserve _____ CSNA cases for my exhibit.

• I agree to abide by all CSNA exhibit rules and decisions.
Furthermore, I agree that the CSNA, its officers and
committee members may NOT be responsible or liable
for theft or damage or injury to any materials placed
on display.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

• For Juniors (Under 18 years of age):

Your Age: _____ Years _____ Months _____

Your parent or guardian must sign below to authorize
you to exhibit:

SIGNATURE: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

Exhibit Categories:

- A – United States
- B – Ancient & Medieval
(to 1558 A.D.)
- C – Modern Foreign
(since 1558 A.D.)
- D – Substitutes for Money
(tokens, odd & curious,
etc.)
- E – Paper Money
- F – Orders & Decorations
- G – Medals
- H – Miscellaneous (includes
wooden money, elon-
gates, P.N.C.'s, errors,
& other items not
covered in other cate-
gories)
- I – Juniors – under 18
years of age.

MAIL EXHIBIT
APPLICATION TO

Brian Kestner
P.O. Box 664
Millbrae, CA 94030

NAME OF EXHIBITOR _____ CSNA MEMBERSHIP NO.: _____
(Please Print Clearly)

STREET OR P.O. BOX NO. ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____



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HOTEL MERIDIEN
50 Third Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Attn: Reservations Department

74th CONVENTION
CALIFORNIA STATE
NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

MAY 3-6, 1984

TARIFF SCHEDULE

☐ Single \$ 70 ☐ Double \$ 80
☐ ONE Bedroom Suite \$ 250 & UP ☐ TWO Bedroom Suite \$ _____

Specify if one or two beds preferred _____

Additional person with existing bedding \$20.

Please request above the type of accommodation preferred. If a range of rates is quoted and the rate you requested is full, a room will be assigned at the nearest available rate.

We are pleased to honor the following credit cards: VISA, Master Charge, American Express, Diners Club and Carte Blanche. In the absence of one of these, the Hotel requests payment by cash or travelers checks.

Date of Arrival _____ Time of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____

Reservations must be received by April 3, 1984

Name _____

Name of Second Person _____

Firm _____

Mailing Address:
Street _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Your room reservation will be held until 6:00 p.m. If arriving after 6:00 p.m., your room reservation will be held with a guarantee by credit card or one night's minimum deposit of \$100.00.

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

NOTICE: Please fill out the exhibit application and forward to the Exhibit Chairman at the address shown below the Classification block. Send the registration card in an envelope direct to the hotel for your room reservations.

CSNA 74th Semi-Annual Convention and Coin Show

Meridien Hotel — San Francisco, CA — May 4-6, 1984

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Thursday, May 3

- 4:00 p.m. Bourse Room Opens for dealers only Cabernet Ballroom
- 6:00 p.m. Exhibit Room Opens for exhibitors only Columbard Room
- 7:00 p.m. CSNA Executive Board Meeting Vignoles Room
- 10:00 p.m. Bourse and Exhibit Rooms close

Friday, May 4

- 8:00 a.m. Bourse Room Opens for dealers only Cabernet Ballroom
- Exhibit Room Opens for exhibitors only Columbard Room
- 9:30 a.m. Registration/Information Desk Opens
- 10:00 a.m. CONVENTION OFFICIALLY OPENS
- Bourse and Exhibit Rooms Open to public
- 12:00 Noon The San Francisco Luncheon Sauternes Room I
- Hostess: Rose Huntington
- Featured Speaker: Dr. Paul D. Holtzman
- Topic: Eagles and Others of the Species *Avis Numismaticus*.
- 8:00 p.m. CSNA Educational Forum Vignoles Room
- Moderator: Osmyn Stout
- Featured Speakers:
- Mike Turrini
- Topic: Canadian Commemorative Dollars
- Don Schueler
- Topic: Exonumia of the 1893 Columbian Exposition
- 8:00 p.m. Bourse and Exhibit Rooms Close

Saturday, May 5

- 9:00 a.m. Bourse Room opens for dealers only Cabernet Ballroom
- 9:45 a.m. Registration Information Desk Opens
- 10:00 a.m. Convention Day Starts
- Bourse and Exhibit Rooms Open to the public
- 11:00 a.m. Northern California Wooden Money Collectors Vignoles Room
- 1:00 p.m. California Exonumist Society Vignoles Room
- Featured Speaker: G.A. "Corky" Ayers
- Topic: The Lore and Lure of Love Tokens
- 2:15 p.m. CSNA Open Membership Meeting Vignoles Room
- 3:30 p.m. Junior Forum Vignoles Room
- 7:00 p.m. CSNA Awards Banquet Sauternes Room I, II
- Hostess: Nancy Stanley
- Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Paul Holtzman
- 8:00 p.m. Bourse Room and Exhibit Room Close
- Exhibit Room will reopen for one hour after the Awards Banquet

Sunday, May 6

- 9:00 a.m. Bourse Room Open for Dealers Only
- 9:45 a.m. Registration/Information desk opens
- 10:00 a.m. CONVENTION DAY STARTS
- Bourse and Exhibit Rooms Open to public
- 2:00 p.m. Exhibiting Forum Vignoles Room
- 4:00 p.m. Convention Officially Closes
- Bourse and Exhibit Rooms close to Public
- All Bourse and Exhibits to be removed by 5:00 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m. Security Removed



News, Views & Whos . . . from

Northern California

By Lorelie Fulwider, CSNA A-3153

The Meridien Hotel, new location of the 74th CSNA Convention because of the tragic fire at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, is located in downtown San Francisco close to shopping and public parking. Being within walking distance of shopping should offer an extra treat to those conventioners who like to include a trip downtown, along with numismatic events. General Chairman Mike Stanley and his committee promise a fantastic show, so do plan to be there.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB CONTINUES YOUTH PROGRAM

Dan Shattuc, Youth Contest Chairman reported in an update of contest leaders in January that *Michelle Starr* had 95 points, *Chris Fisher-85*, *Chris Scott-75*, *Leslie Wilson-70*, *Kevin Starr-65*, *Nancy Wilson-60*, *Amy Wilson-45*, *Eddie Turpin-40*, *Matt Slater-30*, *Rachelle Hollingsworth-25*, *Chris Archer* and *Jennifer Lo-20*, and *Mike Seden*, *Michael Cobberly*, *James Cobberly*, *Geoff Patnoe*, *Chris Patnoe*, and *Jay Toney-10*. In addition to the methods already offered to earn points, Dan announced that additional points could be earned by bringing aunts and uncles to club functions.

Members of CCC have volunteered to act as merit badge counselors for the Santa Clara County Boy Scout Council. Twenty-seven boys had signed up for merit badges.

Cupertino Coin Club also produced a very successful *14th Annual Coin Show* on February 26, 1984, at DeAnza College. We will have more information about the show in the next issue. *San Francisco Coin Club* Honored *Paul Snedaker* and *Fred Lutjens*.

Members of SFCC voted unanimously to elect *Paul Snedaker* and *Fred Lutjens*, *Governors Emeritus* in recognition of their outstanding service to the club from its founding to the present time.

New officers for 1984 were installed by *Larry Reppeteau* at the December 27th meeting. They are: *President*, *Dr. Paul Holtzman*; *Vice President*, *Hans Hansson*; *Secre-*

tary, *Nona Verzi*; *Treasurer*, *Mike Stanley*; *Governors*, *John Verzi*, *Ed Fulwider*, and *O.L. Wallis*. Members were treated to a festive Christmas party following the installation. It featured Santa Claus (who delayed his departure for the occasion), a gift exchange and refreshments.

O.L. Wallis presented a slide program entitled *Travel Trailers in Mexico*. Wally is an expert on this subject since he recently completed his second caravan trip through Mexico consisting of 54 days. Following the program, members were presented with an obsolete 1 centavo Mexican coin, donated by *Joe Solley*.

The *Stanley-Three*, as *Wally Wallis* calls *CSNA 74th Convention General Chairman Mike Stanley*, his wife *Nancy* and daughter *Penny* were award winners at the *Diablo Numismatic Society's 21st Annual Show* on December 3rd and the *Redwood Empire Coin Club 16th Annual Show* on November 20th.

THE 20TH ANNUAL COIN SHOW TO BE PRESENTED BY NAPA VALLEY COIN CLUB.

The show featuring a bourse, educational exhibits and prizes including eight gold coins is scheduled for Sunday, March 25, 1984 at the Town and Country Fairgrounds, 573 3rd Street in Napa. Thanks so much for sharing the news of this event with us.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB WHERE ARE YOU?

We have lost contact with *Gateway Coin Club*. *Calcoin News* copies which were mailed to them, were returned as undeliverable, and we have not received GCC club bulletins since September. We really miss hearing from you.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Liberty Numismatic Society member *Steve Crummey* came home for two weeks following graduation from boot camp at Great

Lakes, Ill. LNS secretary, Joan Crummey reports that Christmas was wonderful, because he was home. He has now returned for advanced training.

Stu Denton did a great job as auctioneer at the LNS November meeting. This annual coin auction always provides the group with an enjoyable evening. Santa attended the December meeting and distributed gifts during the gift exchange. New officers were installed by Art LaPore at the January 3rd meeting.

President, Dave Cieniewicz; Vice President, Bill Davis; Treasurer, Bill Morgan; Board of Trustees, Otis Crummey, Jim Rosen, Marilyn Dean, Brian Kestner, Marion Sinton, Ed Fulwider, and Stu Denton.

FOREIGN CLAD COINAGE, CHRISTMAS COINS AND FRACTIONAL CENT COINS

These were the themes for the programs at Peninsula Coin Club for the November, December and January meetings. P.C.C. meets on the third Monday of each month in the upstairs meeting room of Eureka Federal Savings, 2nd and Main, Los Altos at 7:45 p.m. They encourage members to exhibit material of numismatic interest, even if it isn't a theme item.

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY SUPPORTS TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM

As in the past years, FNS members made Christmas merrier for needy children by contributing new and repairable toys to the Salvation Army's Toys For Tots Program at their December meeting. They also held a giant auction after their annual Christmas Party. Members and guests had a wonderful evening reliving the events of the successful November 5th and 6th Coin-A-Rama.

The annual FNS Installation Dinner was held at the Yturri Basque Hotel January 10th. All the 1983 officers have agreed to remain in office for an additional year.

Installed were: President, Dale Hewlett; Vice President, Steve Foster; Treasurer, Tina Hasson; Secretary/Editor, Ruth Phillips; and Auctioneer, Merle Davis.

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL COIN SHOW AND WOOD ON APRIL 29, 1984

This annual show to be held at Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street, Vallejo and will be commemorated by a wooden money issue. Woods are available by sending \$1.00 and a

20¢ stamp along with your name, address and zip code to Michael Turrini VNS P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590. Highlights of the show will include an Educational Forum at which the Bureau of Mines film Silver will be shown and Ed Fulwider will speak on the Minting Process and San Francisco Mint, exhibits, bourse and a U.S. Gold Coin Raffle.

George Tyson, current NCNA President installed VNS 1984 officers at the January meeting. They are: Lucky Williams, President; Al Renn, Vice President; Bill Mills, Secretary; and Stan Turrini, Treasurer.

George also spoke on Cap Bust Coins, a subject he is very knowledgeable about. He has over sixty published articles on early United State coinage. A most enjoyable Christmas party and dinner was shared by over sixty people. This is a new record for attendance. Winners by popular vote of the Exhibit Contest were: First Place: Bill Henry, "A Coin Tells Its Story"; Second Place: Mike Stanley, "Franklin Half Dollars", and Third Place: Stan Turrini, "SSBN Vallejo Medals".

OUTSTANDING PROGRAM BY PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC CLUB IN NOVEMBER.

Nadine and Virgil Hanks, well known photographic/writing team, presented a very interesting program titled *Picture History of the Bank of Canton and Restoration of the Original San Francisco Mint*. PCNS members have a very special interest in this subject, so it was a most enjoyable evening for all.

New officers were installed by Larry Repeteau and awards for the Literary contest were presented by Ed Fulwider at the December meeting.

PCNS 1984 officers are: President, Osmyn Stout; Vice President, David Cieniewicz; Treasurer, Don T. Thrall; Secretary, Frank J. Strazzarino; Governors, Lori Reppeteau, Paul Holtzman, Brian Kestner, and David Lange.

Literary Contest Winners are: Silver Medal — First Place: Mike Turrini — "The Heroes of Civilization, The Carnegie Medal." Second Place: Stephen Huston — "The 1948 San Francisco of The Mexican 1898 Silver Peso From The Dr. Pradeau Collection." Third Place: William Henry — "Ancient Athens Attica Through The Greco Persian War." Honorable Mention: Al Hall — "Dona Josefa Ortiz de Dominques, The Lady Patriot of Mexican Independence." and Grover Cagle — "Uncommon Cents."

UNFORGETTABLE SHOW AND EDUCATIONAL FORUM BY SAN JOSE COIN SHOW

As usual, members of SJCS presented an outstanding three day show on January 13, 14, and 15th. *Chairman Chris Henriques*, assisted by *Tim Archer*, offered a junior program which included a coin quiz, ten rounds by *Ed Sins* with prizes totaling \$100. The educational forum was offered on all three days. Speakers were *LeRoy Van Allen*, *Bill Schwarz*, *Larry Benson*, *John French*, *Tim Archer*, *Ed Sins*, *Chris Henriques* and *Ed Fulwider*. Forum subjects covered a large variety of subjects and several of the speakers spoke on more than one day.

Exhibit Awards were as follows: **FIRST AWARDS:** *Bob Keegan*, "*Buffalo Bill Cody Medals*"; *Kenneth Hausmann*, "*Representative Varieties of Half Dollars Minted by the Screw Press*"; and *Louis Storino*, "*Civil War Coins*".

SECOND AWARDS: *Sheldon Wirt*, "*Morgan Dollars*"; *Marshall Myers*, "*Facts — Know What to Look for in Collecting*"; and *Ed Sins*, "*Spanish Colonial Mints*".

FIRST AWARD JUNIOR: *Michael Fox*, "*Pease Dollars*".

BEST OF SHOW: *Glenn Jacob*, "*Thirteenth Winter Games — Lake Placid, New York 1980*".

The public evidently agreed with the judges, because *Glenn Jacob's Best of Show* display also was awarded the special "Most Popular Display Award," as tabulated by the votes of visitors to the show.

San Jose Coin Club is making plans to host the *California State Numismatic Association Convention* in 1985. A great deal of enthusiasm is developing already for this new challenge.

INSTALLATION BANQUET FOR FREMONT COIN CLUB

A sumptuous dinner with menu choices that ranged from Prime Rib to chicken was served at the *Fremont Inn Travelodge* on January 21, 1984 when new officers were installed. A wonderful time was had by all.

New Officers are: *President, Roger Lyles*; *Vice President, Ken Bauer*; *2nd Vice President, Don McAlister*; *Treasurer, Don Ehlers*; *Recording Secretary, Ken Hausman*; *Corresponding Secretary, Cal Wilson*; *Junior Vice President, Geoff Green*.

Fremont Coin Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Elks Hall, 38891 Farwell Drive, Fremont. Regular membership is \$4.00 a year, senior membership (over age 70) is free.

TRACING AN ILL. PEDIGREE (Continued on Page 43)

Adams, who would later have his name added to this illustrious pedigree, described Morley as "Determined to get that S-20."

Tom Morley, third owner of the coin, is a very respected authority in the field of copper coinage. He is the author of *1794 Large Cents*, a useful tool in differentiating varieties of 1794 large cents. After about one year of owning the coin, Morley went to see John Adams. Tom had a trade on his mind, and in it, Morley would receive Adams' duplicate Lord St. Oswald large cent, and in return, Adams would get a group of large cents, and one was the 1794-Head of 1793 from the Garrett and Frossard sales. Adams was, to say the least, jubilant!

Once John Adams got the coin, he put it into his collection of 1794 cents. It fit nicely into the set, because Mr. Adams collected 1794 large cents with pedigree in mind, before grade. Adams appreciated nostalgia and numismatic history. He loved his collection, as it represented a chink of Americana. It was with great regret that he finally had to sell his collection, but he said that he is happy that his cents have new homes, and he hopes they appreciate them as did he. Adams finally sold the collection through Bowers and Ruddy via fixed price list.

Bowers and Ruddy issued a beautiful catalogue, with each page depicting a single coin. The 75-coin collection was simply fantastic. So when I received this catalogue, I just had to own something from it. One coin stood out to me, lot 9. It was from Frossard, Garrett, Morley, and now Adams. I had to have it. It was in Boston, at the ANA convention of 1982, that I was fortunate enough to acquire this cent, with the help of Rick Bagge and John Bergman.

Handling a coin that Frossard, Garrett, Morley, and Adams have all handled and cherished is truly an exciting experience, and it is a feeling that I hope all fellow numismatists can experience.

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Southern California

By Elizabeth L. Wisslead, CSNA #720



NATIONAL COIN WEEK

April 15-21, 1984

Theme of this year's event, which will be observed the week of April 15 through 21, will be *NUMISMATICS: A FOUNDATION FOR FRIENDSHIP*.

American Numismatic Association President, *Q. David Bowers*, has named *Nancy Green*, ANA librarian, to the chairmanship of NCW 1984.

FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS

Ernest W. and *Marion Hood* celebrated their FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY on February 2, 1984. Ernie is well known for his memorial buildings made of coins — Lincoln Memorial — Jefferson Memorial — the White House — Lincoln's Log Cabin which are now all in museums. His local museum activity is serving as Museum Curator for the Numismatic Association of Southern California.

LIMOUSINE SERVICE FOR FORTY FIVE

The Babers — Dorothy and Al — celebrated another anniversary on January 3, 1984 — 45 years of wedding bliss. Their daughter surprised them with limousine service to and from the meeting of San Diego Numismatic Society. Guest Speaker, *Bill West*, rode along and assisted in consuming the champagne that went with the gift.

EIGHT HUNDRED ON THE EIGHTH

San Bernardino County Coin Club's 21st Annual Hobby Show on Sunday, January 8, 1984, registered 800 in attendance and 'kicked-off' the show activities for the year.

HALL OF FAME

Launie Wright, president of Collectors of the Realm, has been honored by the Wendell Phillips High School, Chicago, Illinois. Launie's photograph will join other former students in their Hall of Fame.

TEACHER'S HALL OF FAME

Bryan Burke, founding president of the *San Bernardino County Coin Club*, joined others during the September meeting of SBCCC. *Dr. Gerald Smith*, Executive Director of the Museum Association, gave Bryan a letter and certificate for the occasion. The club meeting was held in the Teacher's Hall of Fame Building. Bryan's wall tile reads, Bryan Burke, Teacher — Friend — Numismatist.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Paul Borack, past president of Numismatic Association of Southern California, was honored by the Lion's International with Citizen of the Year Award, Marina Del Rey.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP TO JOE

West Valley Coin Club honored *Joseph R. Miller* with Life Membership number 14. Joe, now 86 years of age, is not able to be as active in the club but spent years directing junior activities.

WHITTIER OLE TIMER

Ernie Reohl, Whittier Coin Club member #306 has been with the club since 1965. Ernie recently celebrated his 91st Birthday!!

WE'VE MOVED

The *Israel Numismatic Society of San Gabriel Valley* is now meeting at: Glendale Federal Savings, Myrtle Ave. and Colorado Blvd., Monrovia, California, 3rd Sunday of each month, 2:00 p.m. President *Frank Strauss* states, "I know old habits are hard to break but I'm sure we can all get used to meeting at another facility."

NEW MEETING PLACE

THE COIN PRESS, *San Bernardino County Coin Club* advises its members, "We have out-grown our Teacher's Hall of Fame Building already so arrangements have been made to transfer to the *Fisk Auditorium* (San Ber-

nardino County Museum) starting with the January 1984 meeting. We will be using the lower level of the Dome." The San Bernardino County Museum is located off I-10 at California St. Meeting time eight o'clock, third Thursday each month, club President, *Virginia M. Hall*.

The *Long Beach Coin Club's NEWSLETTER* edited by *Edna Schmidt* reports the club has found a new meeting location. Meeting night the same, second Monday each month, 7:30 p.m., Laguna Federal Savings and Loan, 4601 East 2nd Street, Long Beach, at the western edge of the Belmont Shore shopping and business district. New club president *Neil McCrabb*.

The *Redlands Coin Club* is now meeting on the second Tuesday each month in the Lyon Gallery of the A.K. Smiley Library, Redlands. New meeting time is 7:00 p.m. sharp since the premises must be vacated by 8:45. Parking in front of the library and across the street in a lighted area. Information reported by *Kay Lenker, Secretary*.

SCOUT TROUP VISITS WHITTIER

Scout Leader, *Bob Mugleston* brought seven senior scouts to visit the October meeting of the *Whittier Coin Club*. Scout *Conrad Kreutzer* applied for membership and was accepted by the vote of the board. *Bryan Burke* presented the program using his slide set on "The Old San Francisco Mint."

Thirteen year old *Greg Frazier* tells "Why I Collect Coins." Greg visited the Whittier Coin Club's *COIN CLINIC* during National Coin Week 1983, and soon became an active member of WCC.

ALMOST A FOUR TERMER

Rick Gordon was *Verdugo Hills Coin Club's* first three-term president. If he hadn't worked so hard to get a successor he could have made it for a fourth term. Wife *Hazel Gordon* also served as President of VHCC.

CHANGE OF EDITOR

Michael Aron served as Editor of *Glen-Coin News* about nine years, and felt his work schedule did not allow time to do justice to the club or paper. Waiting in the wings was the NEW EDITOR, *Dennis Rocklein*, who has accepted the duties with eager enthusiasm. Glendale Coin Club will be celebrating a twenty-fifth anniversary during 1984.

FROM THIRTEEN TO TWENTY-TWO

The *Orange Coast Coin Club's* attendance in January was 13. Officers felt they had *TO DO SOMETHING* so the second vice-president prepared a flyer which displays in large letters *OCCC NEEDS YOU*. Each officer and member was challenged to invite someone to attend. Twenty-two attended the February meeting to hear *Charles G. Colver* talk about the "C.S.N.A. Medallions." The club meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, Fullerton Savings & Loan Community Room, corner Brookhurst & Talbert in Fountain Valley, 7:30 p.m.

C.E.S. WINTER MEETING

The *California Exonumist Society* met in conjunction with the Numismatic Association of Southern California on Saturday, January 28th, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles. The Moderator, *John E. Lenker*, presented *Bryan Burke* who talked about "The 1792 Half Disme." The large audience showed a great deal of interest in the subject and there were many questions and general discussion. President *William O. Wisslead* announced the Spring Meeting to be held in San Francisco during the California State Numismatic Association, Saturday, May 5, 1984, Meridien Hotel. Moderator *Lori Repeteau* has arranged to have *G.A. Ayers* as the speaker, his topic to be "Lure & Lore of Love Tokens." The Summer Meeting will be held during the Convention of International Numismatics, Los Angeles on Saturday, June 9, 1984. Moderator *Barbara Hyde* has announced the speaker to be *Russell Rulau* of Iola, Wisconsin.

N.A.S.C. SALUTES THE '84 OLYMPICS

The Numismatic Association of Southern California featured an Olympic Theme and presented *Vincent F. Beretta* on the topic of "A Numismatic Review of the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Games." A film "The Olympic Cavalcade, Great Spectacle in Sports" was shown also.

The happy award winners during the 29th Annual Banquet on Saturday night included the Richard P. Goodson Memorial Award to Corresponding Secretary, *Lorna R. Lebold*.

Outgoing President, *Albert K. Hall*, received the Karl M. Brainard Memorial Literary Award, first place. Second place went to *Walter Ostromecki* and third place to *Thomas F. Fitzgerald*. Junior Literary Award winners, first and second place, *Mike Carlin*, third place, *Bryan Kotoff*. The Santa Barbara Coin Club bulletin won the President's

trophy with special certificates to Long Beach Coin Club, California Wooden Money Association and the San Bernardino County Coin Club.

The Maurice M. Gould Memorial Junior Achievement Award was presented to *Dwight N. Manley*.

Leonora Donald received the Lewis M. Reagan Foundation, Steve Kosoff Memorial Best in Show Award.

The Gordon Z. Greene Memorial Junior Best in Show award went to *Dwight N. Manley*.

The new President for 1984-1985, *Albertus Hoogeveen*, affectionately known as "The Flying Dutchman", has called his first board meeting of the year on March 4th. The Premier 30th Annual Convention, January 24-26, 1985 will be A Salute to the Netherlands, 200 Years of Friendship.

PAUL'S OTHER HAT

When *Paul Borack*, immediate past president of the Society for International Numismatics, wears his professional hat it reflects his ownership of the barber shop he has owned "lo these many years". When a customer recently returned from a business trip to the South Pacific he brought Paul a set of coins in the various denominations from the country he visited. Paul stated, "This is just one of the many reasons I've enjoyed the hobby over the years — it's the many nice surprises and wonderful people."

JOY SHARES HER WOOD

Past president and life member of the California Wooden Money Association, Joy Parrish, recently had a large display of wooden money in the Cooke Memorial Library near her home in Kentucky.

PROGRAMS AT WLA LIBRARY

Douglas Epstein, long time member of *Bay Cities Coin Club*, has generously provided programs at the West Los Angeles Library for both Juniors and Oldsters on Numismatic Topics.

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Los Angeles Coin Club was founded on January 28, 1982, and reached its 56th Anniversary in 1984. The *San Diego Numismatic Society* held its 47th Anniversary Installation Banquet on January 21, 1984. The *Orange County Coin Club* founded May 9, 1939 will be celebrating a 45th Anniversary in 1984. *Bay Cities Coin Club* organized in April 1944 and plans a 40th Anniversary in

1984. The *Long Beach Coin Club* is now 32 Years Old. Several area clubs are planning 25th Anniversary Celebrations in 1984.

N.C.O.C.

The *Numismatic Council of Orange County*, comprised of eleven clubs in the county, has chosen *Elizabeth L. Wisslead* as President/ General Chairman for 1984. *Evalene Pulati* will serve as Secretary and *Sam Miclean* as Treasurer.

TRIVIA

What is the definition of "rare coins?"

Money you loaned to a friend — and he paid it back!!

WE REMEMBER

Bill Trumpower passed away November 15, 1983, Hemet Numismatist. In earlier years the Trumpowers were active in Orange County Coin Club, Whittier Coin Club and others.

Norma Reardon, Life Member #5, Whittier Coin Club, passed away in Hemet, Calif. on December 17, 1983. Before the Reardons retired in Hemet, Norma was active in many of the Southern California coin clubs.

Dr. Verner G. Rich, Fullerton, Calif., December 17, 1983. Dr. Rich was past president and Honorary Member #15 in the Orange County Coin Club.

Lloyd E. Bailey, December 29, 1983. Mr. Bailey was a native son of California, joined the Bay Cities Coin Club as a Charter Member in 1944, in 1977 he was named as the First Life Member of Bay Cities. He had received the club's highest award, the Aubrey Austin Memorial Award for loyalty and service to the club.

C. Bruce Linton, December 30, 1983. Bruce was Member #738 in the Orange County Coin Club, served the club in many ways and was a past president.

Lillian Anderson, wife of *Jim Anderson*, an early member of the San Diego Numismatic Society and faithful worker, passed away in early December 1983.

LIKE ALL GOOD FRIENDS, THEY WILL
BE MISSED, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.



Speakers Platform and Programs

John Miles Baker, P.N.C.'s, Philatelic — Numismatic Covers, Collectors of the Realm, Anaheim Coin Club.

John Boydston, "Story of the Error Coins", San Bernardino County Coin Club.

Dr. Larry Burgess, "At 175 Still America's Hero", Redlands Coin Club.

Bryan Burke, "The Fascination of Collecting", Redlands Coin Club.

Charles G. Colver, "Two Decades of CSNA Medals", SIN, San Gabriel Valley Chapter.

Ernest Danielson, "Military Insignia and Decorations", Redlands Coin Club.

Emanuel Day, "Russian Olympics", SIN, Los Angeles Chapter.

Jack Detwiler, "Illustrated Lecture on Store Cards", Garden Grove Coin Club.

John Gork, "The Wonderful World of Trade Dollars", Verdugo Hills Coin Club.

Ewell Gunther, "PNC Collecting", Anaheim Coin Club.

Albert K. Hall, "Christopher Columbus", Pomona Valley Coin Club; "The Many Mints of Mexico", San Bernardino County Coin Club, Fountain Valley Coin Club.

Harold Katzman, "Detecting Altered & Counterfeit Coins", Upland Coin Club; "Space Medals", Anaheim Coin Club.

G. Lee Kuntz, "The Bank by the Side of the Road", Anaheim Coin Club.

Ethel Lenhart, "Thomas Jefferson, The Man", California Wooden Money Association.

John E. Lenker, "Emperor Wilhelm of Germany", International Numismatic Society of San Diego; "Kaiser Bill", San Bernardino County Coin Club, San Diego Numismatic Society.

Kay Edgerton Lenker, "Famous Women on Coins and Medals", Fontana United Numismatists.

Bruce Lorch, "A slide show of Exotic U.S. Type Coins", Glendale Coin Club.

Ralph Marx, "Byzantine Coinage", West Valley Coin Club.

Sally Marx, "Primitive Monies", Collectors of the Realm; "How to Make an Exhibit", Culver City Coin Club; "Israel Defense Forces", Israel Numismatic Society/San Fernando Valley.

Peter H. Meyer, "My Month-Long Visit to Germany", Garden Grove Coin Club, Orange County Coin Club.

L. George Mouhtouris, "Collecting United States Coins by Type", Hemet Numismatists.

John Nichols, "National Currency", Verdugo Hills Coin Club.

Mike Shaw, "Medals of the Ashantee Wars", San Diego Numismatic Society.

Dr. John A. Venable, "Monticello, Home of President Thomas Jefferson", Fontana United Numismatists; "California Here I Come", Garden Grove Coin Club; "Have Fun with Money", Orange Coast Coin Club.

James J. Waldorf, "Present and Future of Gold and Silver", Los Angeles Coin Club.

Dr. Shelby E. Wagner, "The River Ran Red", Anaheim Coin Club; Pomona Valley Coin Club.

William O. Wisslead, "Coins of Biblical Times", Santa Ana Coin Club, Tustin Coin Club; "Types of Regular Issue Minted U.S. Gold Coins", Orange Coast Coin Club; Orange County Coin Club; Anaheim Coin Club.

Jerry Yahalom, "Chanukah Numismatics", Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles.

ALBUM FOR CSNA CONVENTION MEDALS NOW AVAILABLE

An album designed especially to store and display the CSNA convention medals has recently been released by Harvey Rose. Loose-leaf, the binder holds six pages which each contain spaces for nine medals. The name, "California State Numismatic Association", is stamped in gold on the brown, simulated leather cover and on each page.

Regular price for the holder is \$15.25 but CSNA members may purchase them for: \$12.00 each, plus \$2.00 for shipping charges. Order direct from: Harvey Rose, P.O. Box 2726, El Cajon, CA 92021.

SCOUT COMMEMORATIVE BILL

William E. Dannemyer of the 39th District, California introduced in the House of Representatives on February 8, 1984, Bill Number H.R. 4791 to provide for the minting of half dollar coins to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Mr. Levin Messick, noted authority on Scouting, has spearheaded this legislation in Southern California.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT
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are: Brian Kestner, immediate past president; John Sears, President Emeritus; Carol Snedaker, Rose Huntington, Paul Snedaker and Fred Lutjens, Governors Emeriti. Roll call of past presidents includes:

1960-1962	John Sears
1963	Paul Snedaker
1964	Ray Peiser
1965	G. Elliott Murphy
1966-1967	Roy Hill
1968-1969	Gregory Mucha
1970-1971	Stephen I. Gifford
1972	John Sears
1973	Howard Porter
1974	Harry Huntington
1975	Duane Folz
1976-1977	Roy Adams
1978	Harry Huntington
1979-1981	O.L. Wallis
1982-1983	Brian Kestner



THANK YOU ELIZABETH

To say a mere “thank you” seems hardly enough to show our appreciation for a job well done. Elizabeth L. Wisslead, current Assistant Editor for South of the Tehachapis for the past nine years has resigned. She covered the activities and set up the Speaker’s Platform for the many clubs in Southern California, always adding her personal flair for reporting. Elizabeth has decided, after this length of time, to channel her efforts in other directions of numismatics. I am sorry to see her leave, but respect her choice. All of the Calcoin News Staff, CSNA Officers, Directors and Membership wish the best for you Elizabeth. Again, thanks so very much.

DRIVEWAY YIELDS SILVER COIN

President Charles Colver was attracted by a shiny object as he walked across his driveway recently. Investigating the spot where the light came from, he scraped away a little dirt and gravel to find an 1841 half-dime. The condition turned out to be very good with the inevitable scratches from being driven over by his car and truck for who knows how long.

CSNA SILVER MEDALS

To commemorate our 75th Convention and 75 years of the Lincoln Cent, both occurring in 1984, I am inquiring as to how many of the regular silver medal subscribers would like to have a diamond placed in an *additional* silver medal. The price of the “diamond studded medal” would be \$35.00. The price of the regular silver medal will be \$20.00.

I will need your reply by June 1, 1984 in order to secure the special items and plan for the correct number of special medals. The count I have on June 1 will be final, be sure to send your answer direct to Virginia M. Hall, Editor Calcoin News, P.O. Box 499, Colton, CA 92324.

WELCOME DR. WAGNER

Dr. Shelby E. Wagner of Diamond Bar, California will be assuming the duties of the Assistant Editor of Calcoin News for the South of the Tehachapis effective immediately. Dr. Wagner is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services for the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District. Get to know Dr. Wagner better, read his Who’s Who in Calstate, page 11 of the Winter Issue 1983, Volume 37, Number 1.

All club secretaries are requested to forward their club bulletins and special news items direct to Dr. Shelby E. Wagner, 528 Platina Drive, Diamond Bar, California 91765.

The Calcoin News Staff, CSNA Officers, Directors and Membership extend their “Welcome Handshake” and happy to have you join us.



The Secretary's Report

Ethel Lenhert, CSNA 1564

New Members

(1 November 1983 thru 31 January 1984)

- A4698 MILLER, HAZEL M.
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 4699 LITTON COIN CLUB c/o Walter L. Wegner, P.O. Box 521
Woodland Hills, CA 91365
(sponsored by P. Iversen)
- 4700 PACHECO, DENNIS A. P.O. Box 397, Roseville, CA 95661
(sponsored by O.L. Wallis)
- 4701 BOERSIG, THOMAS J.
(sponsored by the secretary)
- A4702 BOERSIG, HELENE C.
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 4703 CLOGSTON, MS. CHRIS P.O. Box 4523, Downey, CA 90241
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 4704 STELLA, LUIS 48 Edward Ave., San Rafael, CA 94903
(sponsored by O.L. Wallis)
- 4705 HAM, CHARLES V.
(sponsored by Covina Coin Club)
- 4706 DUHAMEL, JOHN C. 400 Grandview Rd., Sebastopol, CA 95472
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 4707 KOCH, THOMAS
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 4708 BRIDGEFORTH, STANLEY F.
(sponsored by Mary Colver)
- A4709 BRIDGEFORTH, MARTY
(sponsored by Mary Colver)
- 4710 WELSH, DAVID C. P.O. Box 156, Ramona, CA 92065
(sponsored by Heartland Coin Club)
- 4711 URBAN, WALLACE D.
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 4712 JAPENGA, JACK W. MD
(sponsored by Charles Colver)
- 4713 RICHSTONE, ROBERT
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 4714 GORDON, PAUL A. 2841 Divisadero, San Francisco, CA 94123
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 4715 DUTTON, T.W.
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 4716 JOCHHEIM, JERRY
(sponsored by E.P. Wallaker)
- A4717 MENEGATTI, MARIE
(sponsored by Walter H. Menegatti)
- 4718 MEDLEY, W.R.
(sponsored by P. Iversen)

4719	BEARDEN, JOHN D.	P.O. Box 2725, Napa, CA 94558 (sponsored by the secretary)
4720	LANGEWIS, JOHAN	(sponsored by O.L. Wallis)
4721	KENNEY, GOERGE	P.O. Box 3344, Fremont, CA 94539 (sponsored by O.L. Wallis)
4722	GROVES, DAVID W.	P.O. Box 227, Berkeley, CA 94704 (sponsored by the secretary)
A4723	SCHUELER, ALICE	P.O. Box 3469, Napa, CA 94558 (sponsored by Donald R. Schueler)
4724	CREED, TOM	(sponsored by Jerry Carsman)
4725	TROWBRIDGE, RICHARD	P.O. Box 652, Saugus, CA 91350 (sponsored by Bryan Burke)
4726	BARTLEY, WALTER C.	4469 Ellsworth Rd., Stow, OH 44224 (sponsored by Ed Fulwider)

RESIGNED

A4650	Posey, Iola L.	4682	Messick, Elizabeth
C-66	Benson, Robert E.	A3805	Bozynski, Priscilla
3184	Darke, James G.	4021	Dorman, William H.
3334	Fantozzi, Richard A.	2223	Freund, John E. Sr.
2252	Gobrecht, Carl H.	3637	Krumholtz, Jay A.
A3900	Krumholtz, Kathleen	3927	Nystrom, Allen R.
A3928	Nystrom, Nina M.	2459	Rammer, Gordon D.
A3219	Spehn, Grace E.	2727	Stuart, James P.
4223	Thomas, Fred R.		

RE-INSTATEMENTS

3657	Williamson, Keith D.
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CONVERT TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP

38-1	Linett, Dana
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DECEASED

226	Rich, Dr. V.G.	A2432	Allfie, Lillian H.
3410	Langston, Theodore E.	LM11-4	Williams, Ben

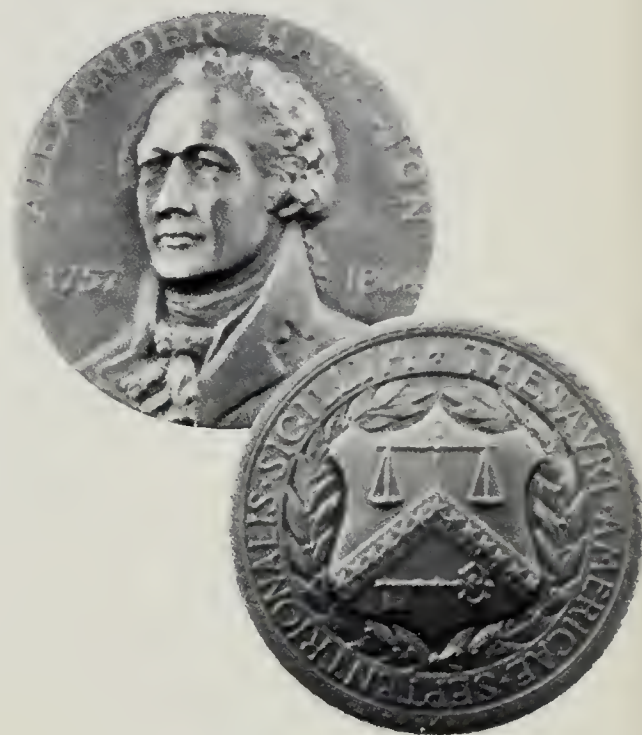
MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership on 1 November 1983	1445
New Members (1 November 1983 thru 31 January 1984)	29
Deceased	4
Reinstated	1
Resigned	17
Convert to Life Membership	1
Net Membership	1454
Total Life Members	147

Medals of the United States Mint

The use of national medals by the United States Government began as early as the Revolutionary War, when medals were authorized to be made and presented to outstanding military heroes. These medals were made at the French Mint, principally under the direction of Thomas Jefferson, then the first United States Ambassador to the Court of France.

A little over a century ago the Mint began to gather together, from various sources, the dies which were used to strike the medals which had been authorized by the United States Congress. Bronze copies of these medals were made available to the public, starting in the 1860's.



Also available are Historic Buildings of the United States such as Official Opening of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, August 14, 1969; White House Medal, United States Mint at Denver; United States Assay Office in San Francisco; Treasury Building; New Orleans Mint, 1838-1931; San Francisco Mint, 1874-1937; Customhouses of Georgetown; Boston; San Francisco; Wheeling; Savannah; New Orleans; Galveston; New York; Galena; Providence; and Yorktown.

Medals available at the mint sales counters include Presidents of the United States, Miniature Presidential Medals, Secretaries of the Treasury, Directors of the Mint, United States Army, United States Navy, and a group of miscellaneous acknowledgements. The miscellaneous group includes, among others, Commencement of Coin Cabinet; Oath of Allegiance by Mint Personnel, 1861; Washington Bicentennial (Authorized by the Act of February 23, 1931); Valley Forge Centennial; Japanese Embassy; Indian Peace Medal-George II; First Steam Coinage; Union Pacific Railroad, The Oceans United by Railroad May 10, 1969; Emancipation Proclamation.



Many of the medals which are now included in the U.S. Mint's presidential series were made originally for presentation of American Indian chiefs and warriors. The Spanish, the French, and the British had presented medals to the Indians, and the British especially had produced large and magnificent silver medals, each bearing the likeness of the reigning monarch on one side and his coat of arms on the other. The British medals were solid silver, impressed in clear relief, and were given to the Indian chiefs as marks of friendship and special recognition. They were highly prized by the Indians, who not only delighted in the decorative aspects of the medals but who also esteemed the honor that was signified by possession of a medal bearing the likeness of the Great White Father.

When the United States replaced the British in dealing with the Indians, the new government found that it was necessary to continue the practice of presenting medals if it hoped to have peaceful relations with the tribes and influence with the chiefs. The Federal Government, then, began the production of Indian peace medals, which became a settled and extremely important part of American Indian policy.

Medals were given to Indian chiefs on important occasions, such as the signing of a treaty, a visit of important Indians to the national capital, or a tour of the Indian country by some Federal official. The Indians expected to receive medals, and it was impossible to conduct Indian affairs without the use of them.

Thomas L. McKenney, head of the Office of Indian Affairs in 1829 wrote "So important is its continuance esteemed to be, that without medals, any plan of operations among the Indians, be it what it may, is essentially enfeebled. This comes of the high value which the Indians set upon these tokens of Friendship. They are besides this indication of the Government Friendship, badges of power to them, and trophies of renown. They will not consent to part from this ancient right, as they esteem it; and according to the value they set upon medals is the importance to the Government in having them to bestow."

The U.S. Government took great pains to produce medals for the Indians of real artistic merit. This cultural concern is surprising in a young nation trying to establish itself in a troubled world. Yet the medals which were made in the early years of the Nation's existence are collectors' items, not only because of the history associated with them, but also because of their artistic value.



The medals given to the Indians were supposed to bear the likeness of the President currently in office, and the medals can be traced administration by administration.

The medals described above can be purchased only in the Mint sales areas located in the Department of the Treasury and Mint facilities listed here: Main Treasury Building, 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20220; United States Mint, Independence Mall, Philadelphia, PA 19106; United States Mint, 320 West Colfax Avenue, Denver, CO 80204; and the San Francisco Old Mint, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, CA 94175.

The medals of the United States Mint are beautifully struck, reasonably priced and an excellent way to portray the events that affected the course of American history.

Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

- May 4-6, 1984 74th Convention and Coin Show
 Michael Stanley, General Chairman, 2107 Gill Dr., Concord 94520
 Hotel Meridien, 50-3rd Street (near Market St.) San Francisco
 Host Club: San Francisco Coin Club
- October 12-14, 1984 75th Convention and Coin Show
 Virginia M. Hall, General Chairman, P.O. Box 1028, Colton 92324
 Sheraton-Anaheim, 1015 W. Ball Rd., Anaheim
 Host Club: San Bernardino County Coin Club
- April 12-14, 1985 76th Convention and Coin Show
 San Jose Coin Club
 San Jose Convention Center

Wm. Wisslead, BOURSE COORDINATOR, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana 92707
 To be contacted for bourse applications to any CSNA convention

OTHERS

- March 25, 1984 20th Annual Coin Show
 Napa Valley Coin Club
 Town and Country Fairgrounds, 575 Third St., Napa
 Info: Bob Bingham, 1648 Yellowstone St., Napa 94558
- March 29-April 1, 1984 SINCON XV
 Society for International Numismatics
 Airport Park Hotel, 600 Avenue of Champions, Inglewood
 Info. SIN, Box 943, Santa Monica 90406
- March 30-April 1, 1984 Coin Convention
 Early American Coppers Convention
 Dunfey Hotel, San Mateo, CA
- March 31, April 1, 1984 2nd Annual Spring Show
 Sacramento Valley Coin Club
 Beverly Garland Motor Lodge, Hi Way 80 and Exposition Blvd., Sacramento
 Info. SVCC, Box 160122, Sacramento 95816
- April 8, 1984 16th Annual Coin show
 Salinas Valley Coin Club
 Masonic Temple, 48 San Joaquin St., Salinas
 Bourse Chrm. Gordon D. Rammer, 556 Yreka, Salinas 93906
- April 7-8, 1984 18th Annual Coin Show
 Eureka Coin Club, Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, Eureka
 Bourse Chrm. Harry Dixon, Box 505, Eureka 95501
- April 29, 1984 12th Annual Coin Show
 Vallejo Num. Soc., Dan Foley Cultural Ctr. Tuolumne St., Vallejo
 Bourse: Michael Turrini, c/o VNS, Box 4281, Vallejo 94590
- May 11-12, 1984 23rd Coin-O-Rama
 Covina Coin Club, American Legion Hall, 330 N. Azusa, W. Covina
 Gen. Chrm: Frank Strauss, 623 W. Lemon Ave., Monrovia
- June 3, 1984 Coin Show
 Monterey Peninsula Coin Club
 Holiday Inn, Rio Road and Hiway # 1, Carmel
 Chairman: G.D. Rammer, 566 Yreka Dr., Salinas 93906
- June 7-10, 1984 21st Annual Convention
 C.O.I.N. (Convention of International Numismatics)
 Los Angeles Airport Hilton, Century Blvd., Los Angeles
 Gen. Chrm: Angus Brucc, 832 Marion Ave., Hemet 92343
- July 28-Aug. 1, 1984 A.N.A. 93rd Convention
 American Numismatic Association
 Cobo Hall Convention Center, Detroit, Michigan
 Chrm. Florence Schook, Box 2014, Livonia, MI 48154
- Sept. 20-23, 1984 23rd Exhibition
 Northern California Numismatic Association
 Cathedral Hill Hotel, Geary and Van Ness, San Francisco
 Info. Denis N. Hooker, 65 Post St., San Jose 95113